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Encl: (1) COMFITWING ONE Command History for CY 1981  
(2) Commander's biography and photograph

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

  
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COMFITWING ONE Command History for Calendar Year 1981

1. Basic History

a. Command History

(1) Commanding Officer: Captain Robert E. Tucker, Jr., USN, was the commander during all of 1981, having assumed command on 31 July 1980. A biography and photo of Captain Tucker are included as enclosure (2).

(2) Mission of the command: The Commander Fighter Wing ONE has overall responsibility for those squadrons and units assigned and for the continuing material readiness and type training of all fleet fighter squadrons on the Atlantic coast. These units consist of twelve fleet squadrons and three training squadrons. Although this basic responsibility extends throughout the employment cycle of individual fleet squadrons, direct management control is exercised by the wing commander only when these squadrons are shorebased at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia.

(3) Command relationship: Commander Fighter Wing ONE reports to Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic. COMFITWING ONE has been assigned to act as Commander Fleet Air Detachment Administration of Naval Air Station Oceana and coordinates activities within the command area.

b. Chronology of Events

15 JAN	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED THREE Change of Command. CDR Robert H. Clime relieved by CDR Theodore W. Triebel.
3-6 FEB	SEABAT 2-81 (large scale electronic warfare exercise) conducted off the Virginia Capes.
17 FEB	Fighter Squadron FORTY-ONE Change of Command. CDR Arthur K. Cebrowski relieved by CDR Henry M. Kleemann.
18 MAR	Fighter Squadron ONE FORTY THREE Change of Command. CDR Steven U. Ramsdell relieved by CDR Robert L. Ellis, Jr.
APR	"Fighter Showdown" (large scale air combat maneuvering exercise) conducted from NAS Oceana.
29 APR	Fighter Squadron ONE SEVENTY ONE Change of Command. CAPT Lafayette F. Norton III relieved by CDR C. Flack Logan.
30 APR	Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO Change of Command. CDR Donald L. McCrory relieved by CDR William B. Hayden
19-22 MAY	SEABAT 3-81 conducted off Virginia Capes.
JUNE	Fighter Squadrons ELEVEN and THIRTY-ONE complete transi- tion to the F-14A Tomcat.

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6 JUNE Fighter Squadron THIRTY-THREE Change of Command.  
CDR Frederick H. Vogt relieved by CDR John A. Best.

26 JUNE Fighter Squadron FORTY-THREE Change of Command.  
CDR Albert M. Van Pelt relieved by CDR Charles R. Brun.

JULY Fighter Squadrons THIRTY-THREE and ONE HUNDRED TWO commence transition from the F-4J Phantom to the F-14A Tomcat.

JULY Fighter Wing ONE and the First Tactical Fighter Wing (Langley AFB) conducted the first Seaflag (Maritime Air Superiority) exercise.

JULY Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED THREE commences transition from F-4J to F-4S.

16 JULY Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO Change of Command.  
CDR Daniel C. Bunting relieved by CDR Ronald D. Schneider.

19 AUG Crews from Fighter Squadron FORTY-ONE down two Libyan aircraft with AIM-9L missiles in the Gulf of Sidra.

SEPT Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-FOUR returns from an extended Mediterranean deployment.

OCT The 2F112 (F-14 flight simulator) becomes operational.

9 OCT Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-FOUR Change of Command.  
CDR Robert S. Cole relieved by CDR Joseph H. Findley, Jr.

16 OCT Fighter Squadron ONE FORTY TWO Change of Command.  
CDR Thomas S. Slater relieved by CDR John R. Wood, Jr.

23 OCT Fighter Squadron ELEVEN Change of Command. CDR Peter W. Pierce relieved by CDR Don A. Sharer.

30 OCT Fighter Squadron THIRTY-ONE is presented the Fox I Award for missile firing excellence.

NOV Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED THREE completes F-4S transition.

DEC Fighter Squadrons FORTY-ONE and EIGHTY-FOUR return from an extended Mediterranean deployment.

DEC Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-FOUR commences transition from the F-4J to the F-4S aircraft.

15-19 DEC SEABAT 1-82 conducted off the Virginia Capes.



c. Safety. During calendar year 1981, Fighter Wing ONE aircraft flew a total of 66,397 hours and suffered three Class "A" mishaps. This resulted in an accident rate of 4.52 as compared with a rate of 12.17 during CY-80.

d. Awards. The following personnel were awarded Navy Achievement Medals:

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CAPTAIN ROBERT E. TUCKER, JR., UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Robert E. TUCKER, Jr., was born in the (b) (6) [REDACTED]. The son of a career Army officer, he entered the Navy in 1955 after graduation from high school; reporting first to USNTC Bainbridge, Maryland, for recruit training and then to the U. S. Naval Academy. He was graduated and commissioned 8 June 1960.

Captain TUCKER's initial sea duty was with USS FLETCHER (DDE 445) where he served a three year tour as DCA and Engineering Officer. In the summer of 1963, he reported to Pensacola, Florida, for flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1964.

Upon completion of F-4 Replacement Training with VF-101 in Key West, Captain TUCKER reported to the Tarsiers' of VF-33. While deployed to the Mediterranean with Fighter Squadron THIRTY-THREE aboard USS AMERICA (CV 66), he participated in the 1967 Paris Air Show and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his aerial demonstration of the slow flight characteristics of the F-4B. During his three year tour with VF-33, he made two Mediterranean deployments and one to the Western Pacific, becoming the first pilot to attain 500 arrested landings on USS AMERICA (CV 66).

In February 1969, Captain TUCKER reported to the U. S. Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Maryland. While at Patuxent River, he served for two and a half years as a Project Pilot in the Carrier Suitability Branch of the Flight Test Division, participating in the ACLS certification of eight CV's and major carrier suitability testing of the F-4, F-8 and RA-5C aircraft. In December 1971, Captain TUCKER participated in the Navy's first evaluation of the F-14, becoming the second aviator to fly the Tomcat.

In the summer of 1972, Captain TUCKER reported to VF-103 and served as the Sluggers' Operations Officer for two years. While deployed to WESTPAC with CVN-3 aboard USS SARATOGA (CV 60), Captain TUCKER and his RIO, LTJG (b) (6) [REDACTED] shot down a MIG-21 during a night intercept over North Vietnam. He served concurrently as Air Wing Operations Officer during the last 5 months of that deployment and has flown over 250 combat missions.

In June 1974, Captain TUCKER reported as Officer-in-Charge of VF-101 Aerial Combat Maneuvering (ACM) Detachment in Key West. He reported as Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-FOUR XO in July 1975 and served as Commanding Officer from October 1976 to February 1978. During his tour with VF-74, he recorded his 1,000th carrier landing. He currently has over 1,200 carrier landings. He then served as Fighter/Reconnaissance Training Officer on the staff of Commander Naval Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. In June 1979, he assumed command of Air Wing SEVENTEEN, and reported as Commander, Fighter Wing ONE in July 1980.

Captain TUCKER's decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, 16 Strike/Flight and two individual Air Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals w/Combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal w/Silver Star, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Gold Star.

Captain TUCKER resides in (b) (6) [REDACTED]

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